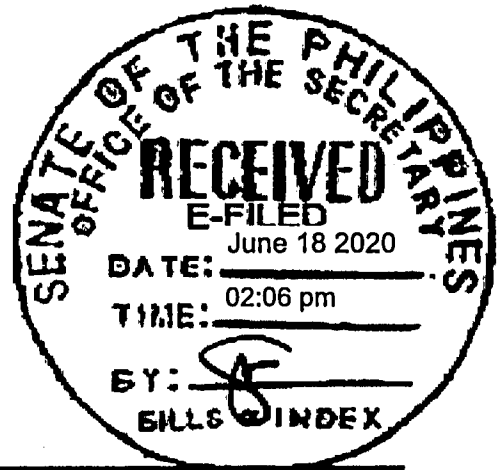


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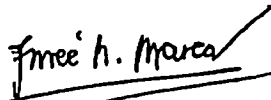
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution, under Article II, Section 15 provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It is the policy of the state to ensure that all communities have access to quality and accessible healthcare.

The Municipality of Malita, is a first class municipality and the main economic center of Davao Occidental Province. Being far from other major urban centers in its vicinity like Davao City, Digos City, and General Santos City, where better and affordable hospitals are located, the people of Malita needs to have additional public hospital to accommodate their medical needs.

For the above-stated reasons, this bill seeks to establish a one hundred (100) bed capacity hospital in Barangay Lacaron, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental to be known as Davao Occidental Medical Center. The establishment of Davao Occidental Medical Center will greatly contribute in providing better and efficient service to the people in the municipality and the nearby provinces.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1. There shall be established a medical center in Barangay Lacaron,
2 Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental with one hundred (100) bed
3 capacity to be known as Davao Occidental Medical Center, under the direct control
4 and supervision of the Department of Health.

5 Sec. 2. The Department of Health shall issue the necessary rules and
6 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

7 Sec. 3. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the Department's
8 program, the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Davao Occidental
9 Medical Center, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's
10 appropriations of the Department of Health. Thereafter, such sums as may be
11 necessary for the capital outlay and the continued operation and maintenance of the
12 Davao Occidental Medical Center shall be included in the annual General
13 Appropriations Act.

14 Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
15 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,